CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	▼ For	rce	☑ Discourt.	U.S.
Rachel Ellman		Squad #8	201708778	☑ Ab	use	O.L.	☐ Injury
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Incident Date(s)		Location of Incid	lent:	Prec		18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Friday, 07/28/2017 7:45 PM		§ 87(2)(b)		4	5	1/28/2019	1/28/2019
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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home A	Address				
Witness(es)		Home A	Address				
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command				
1. POF Mary Dickson	17948	958506	045 PCT				
2. POM James Biondo	25292	936208					
3. POM James Olson	26339	946078	045 PCT				
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name				
1. POF Cynthia Pezua	16818	957954	045 PCT				
2. POF Wendy Guerra	05975	944621	045 PCT				
3. POM Arianit Matoshi	18043	958890	045 PCT				
Officer(s)	Allegation	on			Inve	estigator Reco	nmendation
A.POM James Olson	Abuse: P § 87(2)(b)	Police Officer Jame	es Olson threatened to arr	rest			
B.POM James Biondo	Discourte discourte	esy: Police Office cously to ^{§ 87(2)(b)}	r James Biondo spoke				
C.POM James Olson	Abuse: P	Police Officer Jame to the hospital	es Olson forcibly remove	ed § 87(2)(b)			
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E.POM James Olson	Force: Poagainst	olice Officer Jame 87(2)(b)	s Olson used physical for	rce			
F.POM James Biondo	Force: Poagainst §		s Biondo used physical fo	orce			
G.POF Mary Dickson	Force: Po § 87(2)(b)	olice Officer Mary	Dickson tightly handcuf	ffed			
H.POF Mary Dickson		esy: Police Office cously to § ^{87(2)(b)}	r Mary Dickson spoke				
I.POM James Biondo	Abuse: P	Police Officer James 87(2)(b)	es Biondo refused to prov	vide his			

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
J.POM James Olson	Abuse: Police Officer James Olson refused to provide his name to \$87(2)(b)	
K.POF Mary Dickson	Abuse: Police Officer Mary Dickson refused to provide her name to \$87(2)(b)	
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Case Summary

On July 28, 2017, at 7:35 p.m., \$87(2)(b) called 911 from her apartment at \$87(2)(b)
in the Bronx, and stated she had been assaulted inside the apartment. PO James
Olson and PO James Biondo, both of the 45 th Precinct, responded to the location. §87(2)(b)
explained to the officers that \$87(2)(b) her daughter's father, had assaulted
her. PO Olson disregarded \$87(2)(b) s concern, and \$87(2)(b) grew angry. PO
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(Allegation A—Abuse of Authority: Threat of arrest; \$87(2)(9)
(Allegation A—Abuse of Authority: Threat of arrest; \$87(2)(9) Shortly thereafter, PO Biondo allegedly started to make comments about \$87(2)(0) s weight, and told her she
should go eat fast food. (Allegation B—Discourtesy: Word, \$87(2)(9) PO Olson and
PO Biondo called for EMS to remove \$87(2)(b) as an EDP and handcuffed her
(Allegations C, D—Abuse of Authority: Forcible removal to hospital; \$87(2)(9)), during
which PO Olson and PO Biondo allegedly tackled her to the ground (Allegations E, F—Force:
Physical force; §87(2)(9) PO Mary Dickson, a responding officer from the 45th Precinct,
stood with \$87(2)(b) after she was handcuffed. \$87(2)(b) stated that she was in
pain from the handcuffs, and PO Dickson then allegedly tightened \$87(2)(b) s handcuffs.
(Allegation G—Force: Handcuffs; § 87(2)(9) Minutes later, § 87(2)(b)
unintentionally stepped on PO Dickson's foot, to which PO Dickson allegedly responded "Don't
fucking mess with me." (Allegation H—Discourtesy: Word; \$87(2)(9)
s mother, then asked PO Olson, PO Biondo, and PO Dickson for their
names, and the officers allegedly ignored her. (Allegations I, J, K—Abuse of Authority:
Refusal to provide name; \$87(2)(9) PO Wendy Guerra, PO Arianit Matoshi, and PO
Cynthia Pezua, all of the 45 th Precinct, also responded to this event.
FDNY EMTs \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) transported \$87(2)(b) to
during which she refused to provide her name or date of birth. \$97(2)(b)
was received at \$87(2)(b) under an alias. \$87(2)(9)
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There is no video for this incident.
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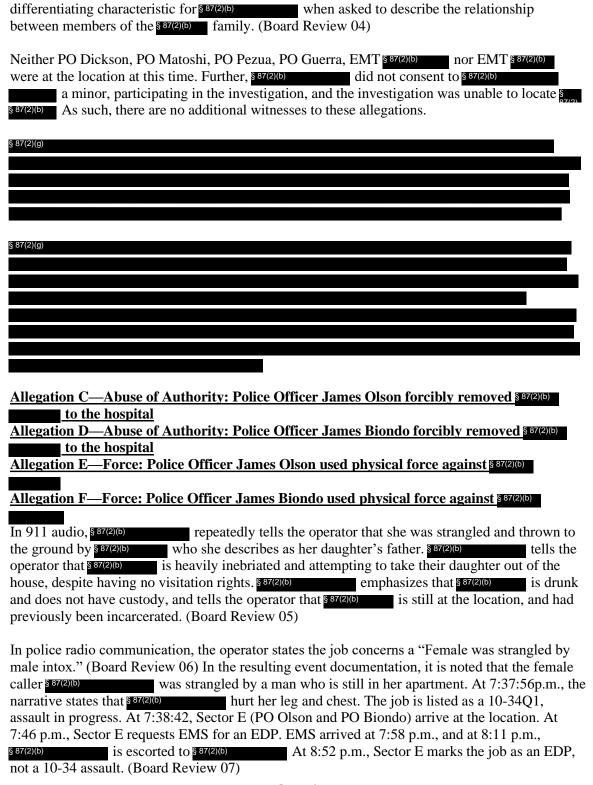
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Findings and Recommendations

Allegation A—Abuse of Authority: Police Officer James Olson threatened to arrest §87(2)(b)

Allegation B—Discourtesy: Police Officer James Biondo spoke discourteously to [807(2)(5)] § 87(2)(b) called 911 to report that § 87(2)(b) her daughter's father, had assaulted her. § 87(2)(b) told the 911 operator that §87(2)(b) strangled her and threw her to the ground, and that he did not have visitation rights for their child. PO Olson and PO Biondo arrived at the location shortly thereafter, at which point §87(2)(b) told the officers that § 87(2)(b) had thrown her to the ground and was trying to take their daughter, § 87(2)(b) further informed the officers that \$87(2)(6) did not have custody of an outing, § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) and that he was unfit to take her out of the house because he was heavily intoxicated. § 87(2)(b) asked, "What if he gets into an altercation because he is drunk?" to which PO Biondo responded, "Well, what if the sky falls down tomorrow?" § 87(2)(6) said, "Are you crazy?" in response to PO Biondo, and PO Olson replied, "You're 'this close' to being arrested." § 87(2)(b) did not mention comments on her weight during her in-person interview, but on the phone stated that PO Biondo made rude comments about her weight, but did not specify these comments (Board Review 01) recalled PO Olson and PO Biondo laughing in response to 887(2)(b) telling them that § 87(2)(b) was drunk and had assaulted her. § 87(2)(b) expressed her fear that something bad could happen if § 87(2)(b) took § 87(2)(b) out of the home while intoxicated, to which PO Olson said, "So what if the sky falls?" PO Biondo was continuously making fun of \$87(2)(b) s weight, and § 87(2)(b) Biondo saying things to § 87(2)(b) to the effect of, "Go eat another Twinkie" or "Go to McDonald's." § 87(2)(b) did not allege that PO Olson threatened to arrest § 87(2)(b) (Board Review 02) incoherently screaming immediately upon allowing the PO Olson recalled § 87(2)(b) officers into the apartment; § 87(2)(b) did not claim that she was assaulted in this time, nor did she provide the officers with an alternative narrative as to why she was upset. PO Olson went shortly after his arrival, and as such only briefly to the kitchen to speak with § 87(2)(b) upon entry. PO Olson stated § 87(2)(b) was never suspected of anything criminal, and that he never told her that she could or would be arrested. PO Olson had no recollection of any conversation regarding \$87(2)(5) s weight. (Board Review 03) PO Biondo also recalled arriving to \$87(2)(b) screaming incoherently, and stated he was unable to discern what § 87(2)(b) was upset about because she was speaking so frantically. PO Biondo primarily stood with §87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) by the couch in the living room, and thus did not converse much with \$87(2)(b) PO Biondo recalled no conversation about § 87(2)(b) possibly being arrested, nor did he recall PO Olson ever with arrest. PO Biondo stated he did not recall any conversation at threatening § 87(2)(b) the location about how § 87(2)(b) s medication affects her weight, any conversation about fast food, or any conversation about her weight at all. Prior to stating the aforementioned, PO Biondo described § 87(2)(b) as "heavyset." PO Biondo used "heavyset" as the

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The Ambulance Call Report, prepared by EMT \$87(2)(b) states: "Approximately \$87(2)(b) old female found standing ambulatory in home. Patient is uncooperative and aggressive with EMS and NYPD. Patient is yelling and insulting EMS and NYPD. Patient escorted out of home by NYPD to ambulance. Patient refuses to give name or date of birth. Patient alert. Pupils pearl. Patient airway. L/S clear bilateral. Patient is a paranoid EDP, patient states mother is trying to steal her \$15,000 in her hand bag. Patient family states patient has been erratic and aggressive recently. Patient states she has psychiatric history, refuses to specify. Patient repeatedly yelled — 'I don't care if the cops shoot me.' Patient refused stair chair, stretcher and vital signs. Patient transported to §87(2)(b) with PD escort. Transport went without incident." The ACR is signed by a receiving nurse at § 87(2)(6) (Board Review 08) Hospital records could not be obtained for this incident. Though all parties—civilians, EMTs, officers—agreed that § 87(2)(b) was taken to § 87(2)(b) as a psychiatric patient, there is no documentation of her stay at § 87(2)(b) I on July 28, 2017 under either her legal name or the alias used by EMS, "§ 87(2)(b) ." Per § 87(2)(b) s narrative, she was in the hospital for multiple days, and EMT \$87(2)(b) also indicated that he believed \$87(2)(b) would be admitted as a psychiatric patient. The investigation confirmed that the nurse listed on

but could not retrieve the records based on her

stated she called 911 after being assaulted by her daughter's father, \$87(2)(6) When PO Olson and PO Biondo arrived minutes later, § 87(2)(b) told the officers that § was heavily intoxicated, that he had previously assaulted her, and that he was trying to take § 87(2)(b) 15, out of the home, despite not having custody of her. §87(2)(b) emphasized to the officers that §87(2)(b) was visibly intoxicated, and expressed fear that something bad would happen to §87(2)(b) while in § 87(2)(b) s care. PO Biondo told § 87(2)(b) that § 87(2)(b) was permitted to take § 87(2)(b) of the house while drunk, so long as he was not driving. § 87(2)(b) repeatedly called attention to § 87(2)(b) s visible drunkenness and exclaimed that § 87(2)(6) could endanger their child, yet PO Olson and PO Biondo paid her no mind. Suddenly, PO Olson and PO Biondo converged on § 87(2)(b) tackled her, and handcuffed her while she was on her stomach; stated PO Dickson, PO Pezua, and PO Guerra had already arrived at this time, and were all involved in bringing her to the ground.

involvement. PO Olson and PO Biondo did not prepare an Aided report for \$87(2)(b)

recalled PO Olson and PO Biondo laughing at § 87(2)(b) when she told the officers that \$87(2)(b) was drunk and had pushed her to the ground. \$87(2)(b) defended § 87(2)(b) and told the officers that § 87(2)(b) has full custody that § 87(2)(b) of § 87(2)(b) did not have visitation rights, and that § 87(2)(b) had been incarcerated as recently as \$87(2)(b) . Officers ignored § 87(2)(b) then pulled PO Olson into the kitchen, where she told him that §87(2)(b) took prescription medication. PO Olson responded, "I know." § 87(2)(b) emphasized that § 87(2)(b) was on legal medication for a thyroid disorder and other medical issues, and stated that these medications interacting might be making §87(2)(b) anxious. § 87(2)(b) again told PO Olson that § 87(2)(b) was extremely intoxicated, and

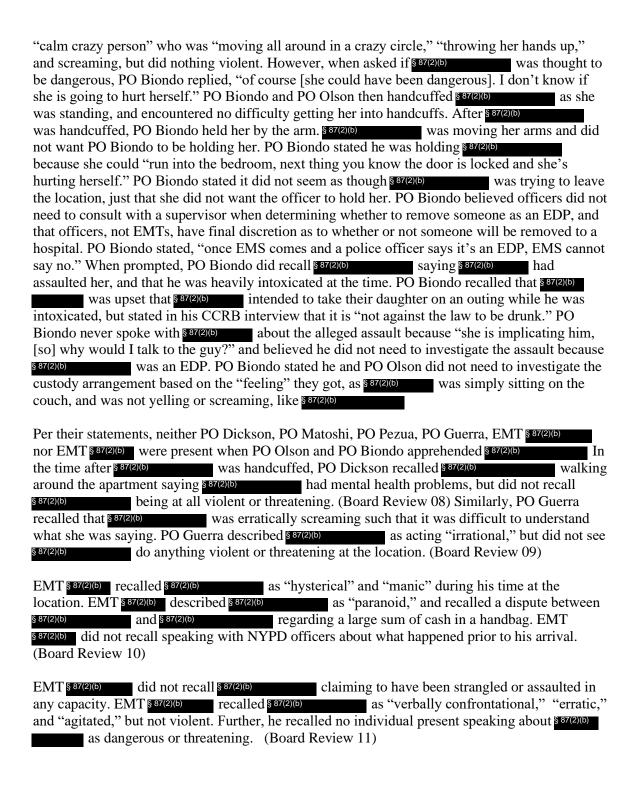
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the ACR does work at \$87(2)(b)

medical documentation is limited to the ACR.

was manic, but rather upset that the officers ignored her complaint against \$87(2)(b) PO Olson did not ask any questions about \$87(2)(b) After speaking with PO Olson in the kitchen, \$87(2)(b) reentered the living room, where \$87(2)(b) was arguing with the officers. Amidst a back-and-forth, PO Olson and PO Biondo suddenly approached \$87(2)(b) threw her to the ground, placed her on her stomach, and handcuffed her.
Multiple contact attempts were placed to §87(2)(b) who could not be reached.
PO Olson recalled this job coming over as an assault-in-progress, and believed that the individual assaulted was the female caller. \$37(2)(0)
PO Biondo also recalled this job coming over as an assault-in-progress. Upon entering the apartment, \$87(2)(b) was "screaming at the top of her lungs," such that PO Biondo was
unable to make out what she was saying. PO Olson went into the kitchen to speak with \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) while PO Biondo remained in the living room with \$87(2)(b)
and § 87(2)(b) PO Biondo waited in the living room for approximately five
minutes, during which he did not speak with either \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) When PO Olson returned from the kitchen, he told PO Biondo that \$87(2)(b) would be removed
as an EDP based on the conversation he had with §87(2)(b) PO Biondo believed
told PO Olson that \$87(2)(b) was not taking her prescribed psychiatric
medication. When the decision was made, \$87(2)(b) had not done or said anything that could have been construed as threatening or violent. PO Biondo described \$87(2)(b) as a a
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Per Patrol Guide procedure 221-13, mentally ill or emotionally disturbed persons: (Board Review 17; emphasis NYPD)

Scope

- Physical force will be used ONLY to the extent necessary to restrain the subject until delivered to a hospital
- If an EDP is not <u>immediately</u> dangerous, the person should be contained until assistance comes

Definition:

• Emotionally Disturbed Person (EDP): A person who appears to be mentally ill or temporarily deranged and is conducting himself in a manner which a police officer reasonably believes is likely to result in serious injury to himself or others.

Procedure

- When a uniformed member of the service reasonably believes that a person who is apparently mentally ill or emotionally disturbed, <u>must</u> be taken into protective custody because the person is conducting himself in a manner likely to result in a serious injury to himself or others
 - 1. Upon arrival at scene, assess situation as to threat of immediate serious physical injury to EDP
 - a. [I]f EDP's actions do <u>not</u> constitute an <u>immediate</u> threat of serious physical injury or death to himself or others:
 - 1. Attempt to isolate and contain the EDP
 - 2. Do not attempt to take EDP into custody without the specific direction of a supervisor
 - 2. Request ambulance, if one has not already been dispatched.
 - a. Ascertain if patrol supervisor is responding, and, if not, request response.

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Allegation G—Force: Police Officer Mary Dickson tightly handcuffed §87(2)(b)

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Allegation H—Discourtesy: Police Officer Mary Dickson spoke discourteously to 887(2)(5)
After \$87(2)(b) was handcuffed, she stood beside PO Dickson. \$87(2)(b) stated she complained about the handcuffs hurting her, at which point PO Dickson tightened \$87(2)(b) causing her to move away such that she inadvertently stepped on PO Dickson's foot. PO Dickson then stated said to \$87(2)(b) "Are you trying to hurt me?" and again tightened her handcuffs.
stated that \$87(2)(b) was stood up off the ground after she was handcuffed, and in the process inadvertently stepped on PO Dickson's foot. PO Dickson responded and said, "Don't fucking mess with me," and tightened \$87(2)(b) s handcuffs.
s ACR gives no indication she sustained a particular injury to her wrists.
PO Dickson did recall that \$87(2)(b) stepped on her foot, and stated it happened as was moving erratically about the apartment. PO Dickson stated she did not yell at \$87(2)(b) in response, nor did she curse at her. PO Dickson could not recall if she ever adjusted \$87(2)(b) s handcuffs, and stated she had no recollection of \$87(2)(b) ever complaining about her handcuffs being too tight.
PO Guerra stated she recalled PO Dickson exclaiming in pain, but did not know what this was in reference to. PO Guerra did not recall \$87(2)(b) make any complaints about her handcuffs, nor did she see any officer adjusting \$87(2)(b) shandcuffs.
Neither PO Olson nor PO Biondo recalled such an incident.
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Allegation I-Abuse of Authority: Police Officer James Biondo refused to provide his name
Allegation J-Abuse of Authority: Police Officer James Olson refused to provide his name to §87(2)(b)
Allegation K-Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Mary Dickson refused to provide her name to \$87(2)(6)

stated she asked PO Olson, PO Biondo, and PO Dickson for their names in the time period immediately before and after \$87(2)(b) was handcuffed. \$87(2)(b) stated all three officers ignored her, but recalled that one officer had an Italian-sounding surname that starts with a B.
Neither PO Olson nor PO Dickson recall any members of the \$87(2)(b) family asking for their names.
PO Biondo stated \$87(2)(b) repeatedly asked for PO Biondo's name, which he stated he provided numerous times. PO Biondo did not recall \$87(2)(b) asking him or any other officers for their names.
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